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Lifts disgrace...

Blame Pickerings not the strikers

The strike by the lift workers has led to a sudden concern by newspapers such as The Herald and The Star for the residents of Ballymun Towers. But these are the same papers which are constantly attacking us.
Tony O'Reilly wants to help out his friends in big business by getting us to turn against the lift workers. But his papers have not reported the facts.
FACT

■ The lifts have been underserviced for years.

■ The workers are offering an emergency service, done at their own expense to keep at least one lift running per block.

■ The employers have tried to undermine this emergency service, by taking away mobile phones, vans and the personal liability insurance of the workers.

■ When the strike began the company wanted to control all emergency call-outs so that they could charge for them. All the same the strikers are keeping up the service via the Union, for free.

The lift companies are saying that they have met the strikers pay claims, but we are not being told that the employers are trying to make the workers give up meal allowance, an hours travel time and overtime in holiday pay. Most lift workers survive on overtime to meet their bills.

In 1982 the residents of the Towers picketed the home of the then owner of the lifts service in support of a better service and the claims of lift workers then on strike.
That sort of solidarity is needed today and not the divisions that the bosses are trying to stir up.

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